

HOUSE No. 2222

By Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough, petition of Stephen P. LeDuc and others for legislation to regulate the establishment of regional transit authorities by cities and towns. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Stephen P. LeDuc	Karen E. Spilka
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REGARDING INSURING THE OPPORTUNITY OF COMMUNITIES TO JOIN OR CREATE A REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 161A
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is
3 hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following 2 sentences:—
5 A city or town that is also a member of a regional transit
6 authority or that at any time joins a regional transit authority shall
7 have a portion of the amount assessed for the operation of the
8 regional transit authority credited against its share of the assess-
9 ment made under this section. The community's assessment shall
10 be reduced by deducting any amount not required to cover the
11 annual costs which are incurred by the authority for the propor-
12 tional level of services operated in the community by the authority
13 as determined by the advisory board to the authority. For purposes
14 of this section "annual costs" are those costs which are funded by
15 the assessments made under this section. The amount credited
16 shall not exceed the total amount of the assessment.

1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 161B of the General Laws, as
2 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third para-
3 graph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

4 Any city or town, or group or combination of cities or towns,
5 other than a city or town included in the Massachusetts Bay
6 Transportation Authority in which said Authority operated fixed
7 route bus service or included in an authority established pursuant
8 to section fourteen may, by a majority vote of the city council or
9 of the town meeting or majority vote of any other legislative body,
10 respectively, and subject to the approval of the advisory board to a
11 regional transit authority, join an authority which is not separated
12 from the city or town or group or combination of cities and towns
13 by more than 1 other municipality.